



NAME	MOBICIP
Company	Mobicip
Version	1.3.0.12
Type of product	Client
Devices supported	Computer
Operating systems	Linux Ubuntu Windows 7 (Tested on Windows)
Price*	1 year - 1 license: 7,75 €
Language of interface	English
GLOBAL RANKING	≤ 12 years old users: 17/21 (points 1,49 out of 4) ≥ 13 years old users: 16/21 (points 1,72 out of 4)

*Prices might change according to the latest company offers





FUNCTIONALITY

The parent can customize the “content” categories to filter web pages. Three default profiles are proposed (Elementary school level, Middle school level, High school level). The parent can indicate specific URLs to be blocked (creation of a black list) or allowed (creation of a white list) by the filter. There is no possibility to block applications. The monitoring activities include the report on the “forbidden” websites that the user tried to access as well as information on the pages that were visualized.

FUNCTIONALITY SCORE: 2,1 OUT OF 4 POINTS

EFFECTIVENESS

The tool has a weak effectiveness on adult content and very weak on other harmful content.
There is no major difference in effectiveness between teenagers and children.
There is no major difference in effectiveness between web and web 2.0.
There is no major difference in effectiveness among the different languages.

Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≤ 12 years old user: 1,8
Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≤ 12 years old user: 0,0
Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≥ 13 years old user: 1,6
Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≥ 13 years old user: 0,0

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≤ 12 YEARS OLD USER: 0,9 OUT OF 4 POINTS

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≥ 13 YEARS OLD USER: 0,8 OUT OF 4 POINTS





USABILITY

Installation of the tool: The installation is generally comprehensible and well supported by the website's instructions, which aren't linked to the process though. The installer does not provide advanced options and cannot be influenced with regard to kind or amount of information. The process is consistent, but it does not fully meet users' expectations as, for example, the installation button is not labelled adequately.

Configuration of the tool: The configuration process is partly not comprehensible and context sensitive explanations are missing at a few points, especially the connection between user profiles and devices is hard to understand. There are barely any options to individualise or influence the process. The process contains some inconsistencies and it does not always meet users' expectations. The overall look and feel is appealing, but could be optimised with regard to common standard.

Usage of the tool: The tool provides barely any options to react, when a website has been blocked. The alert message is not worded with respect to children's capability of understanding and cannot be customised. The reporting is well comprehensible.

Usability of the installation process: 2,12

Usability of the configuration process: 2,18

Usability of the usage of the product: 2,13

OVERALL SCORE FOR USABILITY: 2,15 OUT OF 4 POINTS

SECURITY

The tool resisted to the main hacking attempts to by-pass it.

OVERALL SCORE FOR SECURITY: 4 OUT OF 4 POINTS



DETAILED FUNCTIONALITY FICHE



AREA OF NEED	FUNCTIONALITY	SPECIFIC ISSUE	ASSESSMENT
MGMNT	Management of users profile	Create several profiles	YES
	Monitoring	Remote access	YES
FILTERING CUSTOMIZATION	Topics	Customisation of filtering topics	NO
	Urls White lists	Restrict browsing to a white list	YES
		Default white list	NO
		Modification OR Creation	Modification - NO Creation - YES
	Urls Black lists	Creation of user's own black list	YES
KEYWORDS	Keywords	Default black list	NO
		Default white list	NO
		Creation of a user's black list	NO
		Creation of a user's white list	NO
TIME	Time limit settings	Set a specific timeframe or web access duration	YES
BLOCKING MESSAGE	Type	Ask for unblocking to parents	NO
		Redirect to safe resources	NO
USAGE RESTRICTION	Web	Block access	YES
		Monitor access	YES
	Safe Search	Availability	YES
	Social Networks	Block access	YES
		Monitor usage	NO
	Personal data provision	Block	NO
	Streaming	Block the access	Application - NO Web - YES
		Monitor the access to the application	NO
	P2P application	Block the application	NO
		Monitor downloads	NO
	Skype application	Block (chat, VoIP, Video-chat)	NO
		Monitor the access	NO
		Prevent from new contact	NO
	Windows Live Messenger	Block the application	NO
		Monitor the access	NO
Prevent from new contact		NO	
e-mail	Block email Client and/or web	YES	





DETAILED SECURITY FINDINGS

The Tool prevents the user from by-passing the filter by:	YES/NO
Using the IP address instead of the URL	YES
Using an alternative browser	YES
Changing time and date settings*	YES
Disabling or uninstalling the software without a password*	YES
Closing the filtering tool through the Task Manager	YES
Using a proxy instead of a direct connection to the Internet	YES
Accessing the web-pages through the Google Cache	YES
Reaching a website through translation sites	YES
Renaming a blocked application	N/A
Using Safe Mode	YES
Changing the port of Peer-to-Peer application	N/A

*As managed directly by the tool and not by the device.

DETAILED USABILITY FINDINGS

	YES/NO
I: installation in 3 steps or less	NO
I: choice of installation for beginners or advanced users	NO
C: different degrees of strength for the filtering	YES
C: different content criteria for the filtering	YES
C: option to transfer filter configurations between target users	NO
C: option to transfer filter configurations between devices	YES
C: altogether comprehensible configuration	NO
C: altogether in conformity with user expectations	NO
C: altogether easy to learn	NO
U: alert message in a child friendly language	NO
U: option to customise the reaction in case of blocking	NO
U: altogether easily operable and comprehensible reporting	YES

